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PATENT APPLICATION

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**Amendment**

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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

In response to the Final Action dated July 6, 2004, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Please Amend Claims 1-9 as follows:

**In the Claims:**

1. (Amended). A mechanism for providing positive retention and release of a socket or fitting on a power driven nut runner or nut setter utilizing a rigid push rod that interfaces with a sliding post or pin having mating surfaces for developing movement in perpendicular directions.
  
2. (Amended). The mechanism of claim 1 comprising first and second pieces, said first piece comprising a rigid sliding shaft, said second piece comprising a post or pin, and said first and second pieces moving perpendicular to each other when the mating surfaces of said first and second pieces are engaged.